



Homeless 'should be moved on from town's doorways'



Dub Pistols get Basingstoke rocking

THE War Memorial Park was rocking and awash with festival-goers having fun at Basingstoke Live. Headliners Dub Pistols are seen

here bringing their energy to the main stage and keeping the large crowd entertained. The veteran performers closed

the amazing festival on Sunday night and are best-known as a 21st century equivalent of The Specials. See page 3 for full story.

Disagreements on how best to deal with issue

By Matthew Brown

A ROW has broken out about how best to deal with the homeless and rough sleepers in Basingstoke.

Top of Town Association chairman Alan Stone would like to see persistent street sleepers moved on, while Cllr Gavin James has insisted the solution is not as easy as that.

"We've got in place an awful lot of schemes for people who need help," said Mr Stone.

"It's fine having these schemes in place and I entirely agree with them, but we've got a persistent group.

"The police reckon there are about 20 that do not want help and they need to be moved on or forced to take help.

"It lowers the tone of the town and we need to discourage that form of lifestyle in the town centre by moving them on."

He said they needed to be moved on as they were blocking doorways of businesses.

Cllr Stone continued: "It doesn't really matter where to, as long as they are passed into the hands of somebody who will do something about them."

The antiques dealer believes that those who do need help and want help should receive it - what he is unhappy with are those that don't want the support.

The Top of Town Association has signed a petition about the issue that has several hundred signatures and that will be presented at the Social Inclusion Partnership meeting this evening.

The group brings together many organisations, services and businesses to find a way forward to deal with the issue of street sleepers.

However Cllr Gavin James, a borough councillor for Eastrop - the ward the town centre sits in - said it was a multi-faceted issue.

"In fairness to the borough council and the officers they are doing a lot of work," he said.

"We've got an outreach team that tries to meet the homeless and try and find out why they're homeless, how they ended up in that situation and how they can help."

Cllr James said he supported campaigns to give practical help rather than giving money directly to those

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Chickens unruffled after rescue



The scene of the fire in Silchester Road and the chickens saved from the flames.
 Pictures by Tadley Fire Station



CHICKENS named Waitrose, Tesco and Jock have been rescued from a fire in Tadley.

Fire crews from Basingstoke and Tadley were called to an address on Silchester Road on Saturday at around 2pm and found a shed, fence and tree ablaze.

Crews extinguished the fire and rescued the chickens which were said to be fine. No one was hurt and there was no 'fowl play'.

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Animals killed

ODIHAM: A number of animals died in a fire near Odiham on Monday morning.

Five pigs, two sheep and one goat all died at the scene following the blaze that destroyed outbuildings used as storage and stables on Fareham Road.

Fire crews from Hartley Wintney and Fleet were assisted by their Surrey colleagues and were dealing with the fire for around two hours, after being called to the scene at around 11.10am.

Other animals were treated at the scene by a vet.

Police hunt man

BASINGSTOKE: A man with connections to Basingstoke is being hunted by police.

Terrance Mark Day, 25, of Trinity Street, Fareham, is wanted on a recall to prison for breach of his licence conditions.

Day also has links to Southampton and Andover along with Poole and Bournemouth.

He is described as white, 5ft 10ins, of slim build with dark brown hair that was last seen being worn in a top knot. He also has tattoos on his arms.

Anyone with information should call 101.

Target in sight

BASINGSTOKE: A Basingstoke school for children with special educational needs is one step closer to having a new minibus.

Maple Ridge School in South View, which caters for children with moderate learning disabilities, has been given £3,000 by the Rotary Club.

The money was raised from a recent quiz night. Thanks to the efforts of Rotary and other donations, it is hoped the school can buy the bus in time for the new term in September.

Baywatch racers wave farewell to title hopes

By Matthew Brown

IT was Alexandra Palace and bust for a team of soapbox racers from Basingstoke, inspired by a 1980s TV icon.

Baywatch beauty Pamela Anderson was the inspiration behind Josh Craven, Scott Waissen, Chris Grant and Adam Berry entering the Red Bull novelty race on Sunday in North London.

Unfortunately the lads making up Team Pamela were unsuccessful in their quest for glory against 70 other teams, 30 metres after they started at Alexandra Palace.

Josh, who as a 1980s child, was inspired by Baywatch, said: "We had a fantastic weekend. The race was a bit of a disaster though almost straight away off the start ramp."

"One thing we were confi-



Team Pamela get ready for their race debut at Alexandra Palace

dent in was the front wheels because they were the only part we paid for. It's ironic that the only thing we paid for went wrong."

Josh, dressed as David Hasselhoff, was at the front of the

soapbox working the brakes with 'Pamela' Chris steering at the back.

They kept going after the first wheel came off, but then they lost a second wheel.

Josh joked: "The wheels went

further than we did - they actually made it over the first jump."

As it was a water jump, they both jumped in, cheered on by a 20,000 strong crowd.

At the start, the lads who left John Hunt of Everest School in 1996, performed a Baywatch routine, ripping off their shirts to reveal swimwear underneath. Josh added: "The atmosphere was amazing, we were really nervous but there was such a great buzz."

"It didn't really matter (not finishing), none of us were upset and we weren't the worst either - we're going to do it again because we've got unfinished business now."

The lads have smashed their target of raising £1,000 for the National Lifeboats and next year, they will be looking to be more competitive, spending more than £60 on their chariot.

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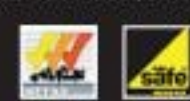
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Alive and kicking at town's popular free music festival

By Matthew Brown

BASINGSTOKE was truly alive and kicking as this year's festival was brought to a close with Basingstoke Live.

Thousands of people flocked to the War Memorial Park on Saturday and Sunday to take in a completely free and awesome celebration and line-up of local, national and international music from over 100 acts, performing all genres of music on five stages.

"This year's event had a lovely feel, it was fantastic to see so many people of all ages enjoying live music acts on various stages," said Cllr Terri Reid, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's deputy leader.

"It really did offer something for all musical tastes and it was great to see each of the stages so well supported.

"It was a fabulous finale to the Basingstoke Festival and I'd like to thank the Basingstoke Live Forum for programming another great line-up.

"We are delighted to have received such positive

feedback from our partners in the police and St John's Ambulance."

On Saturday, Hackney rap star Paige Cakey entertained the crowds with tracks from her debut album 'The First Paige'.

Meanwhile the Dub-Pistols, brought the festival to a close with a fun and energetic set.

Local acts that performed included hip-hop star Signal, rapper MCX and bands High Tide Royals, Freespirit and Green Embers.

More Basingstoke and Deane-based acts to perform included B-funkt, STUP!D and Original Jack, local duo Alex Middleton and Lily Kyle, along with rockers The Zone.

As well as the music at Basingstoke Live, there were also plenty of stalls and activities to keep people amused.

These included a smoothie bike, laser clay shooting and arts and crafts.

Basingstoke Live brought the curtain down on this year's cultural festival that featured 212 events, funded by the borough council.



Above, The Dub Pistols perform on stage on Sunday. Below, Paige Cakey entertains the crowd



News Bites

Lottery revealed

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: St Michael's Hospice has announced the winners of its latest lottery draw from July 7. First prize of £1,000 goes to ticket 81719 of Basingstoke, while ticket 73336 also of Basingstoke claims second prize of £100.

Third prize of £50 goes to Basingstoke ticket 79623, and Hook ticket 49955 gets fourth prize of £20. Sixteen prizes of £5 were also announced.

Cheers to beer

OLD BASING: Get down to the Jack Morris Hall this Saturday to enjoy a tipple at the Beer Festival.

The Old Basing Royal British Legion is organising the free festival from 2pm that will also feature a champagne bar, ice creams, cocktails and a bouncy castle.

Talk about Queen

BASINGSTOKE: The Queen's links with Hampshire will be the subject of a talk entitled The Queen in Hampshire at the Willis Museum on July 20.

Hampshire Record Office archivist David Rymill is carrying out the presentation, and using documents and photographs, will explore Her Majesty's links with the county. The talk begins at 7.30pm.

'No simple solution to homeless issue'

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on the streets and also the help of the Top of Town traders is needed to stop serving alcohol to the homeless.

He also said people need to be stopped from ending up in that situation and anti-social behaviour orders were not the answer because they forced rough sleepers onto surrounding residential streets.

"I'd much rather have them in an area where there is surveil-

lance and enforcement officers checking on their behaviour", he said.

"There's no simple solution because we're dealing with individuals and individual problems.

"These are very damaged people, and they're often not very compliant.

"It's not an easy problem and there's not magical solution and anyone who tells you there is, is talking nonsense."

Cllr Terri Reid, deputy leader

of the borough council, said that community safety patrol officers work with the police to combat anti social behaviour and the Social Inclusion Partnership is working hard and making a real difference to support those affected by homelessness and rough sleepers.

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Incredible escape as beams pierce car

THE driver of this car can count himself incredibly lucky after escaping this collision near Basingstoke with just minor injuries.

Emergency services were called to the B3046 at Preston Candover at around 3.30pm on Sunday and found two wooden beams had gone through the windscreen on the driver's side of the car.

The male driver received minor injuries that included a grazed head and face.

He was taken to the Royal Hampshire County Hospital in Winchester by ambulance for treatment.

No other vehicles were involved in the collision.

Picture of the scene from Twitter - @SCAS_HART.



Businesses urged to look at new enterprise zone

By Matthew Brown

BASING View has officially been launched as an enterprise zone in what has been described as a "significant step forward".

It is hoped that eligible businesses will take advantage of new and refurbished facilities, discounted business rates and pioneering 5G technology, creating 4,130 new jobs in Basingstoke.

The enterprise zone was launched in a ceremony held at Belvedere House in Basing View on Friday.

"Achieving an enterprise zone status is a significant step forward for business growth in our area," said Geoff French, chair of Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership.

"With proximity to Heathrow, London, and other key transport hubs, this will strengthen our capacity to attract more businesses, create jobs and build on our strengths in digital and sustainable technologies."



Geoff French speaking at the launch

Basing View has joined two other enterprise zones, Longeross Park near Chertsey and TechForest near Bordon, in a partnership called EZ³.

Mr French also said that the intention was to market the London and South Innovation Valley to international businesses.

Enterprise Zone status gives eligible businesses that expand within or locate there business rates relief of up to £275,000 over a five-year period, up until the end of March 2022. 5G technology will also be on offer to businesses.

The AA will be the first to benefit from the discounted business rates and the technology in Basing View when they move headquarters from Fanum House to a state-of-the-art, multi-million pound office building in 2018.

It is estimated that the borough of Basingstoke and Deane will be able to share funding of over £229million for the next 25 years, from the business rates generated from the enterprise zones, according to Cllr John Izett, the borough council's cabinet member for property and development.

Currently undergoing a £200m regeneration programme by the borough council, Basing View has already seen the largest combined Waitrose and John Lewis at Home store open there.

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Cool for cats

BASINGSTOKE: To celebrate the anniversary of Cats Protection, the Basingstoke and District branch is putting on a summer fair on July 22.

It is being held at the Viabes Craft Centre in Harrow Way and runs from 1.30pm until 3.30pm.

In what promises to be a fun-filled afternoon for all the family, there will be stalls along with refreshments.

Entry is 50p or a donation of cat food.

Gardens open

KINGSCLEERE: The Kingsclere Gardening Association are throwing open the gates to their colourful gardens and allotments on Sunday.

There will be 16 sites to view, along with a plant sale and refreshments between 2pm and 6pm.

Part of the proceeds from the day will be donated to local good causes.

Tickets and maps for adults cost £5 and accompanied children are free.

They can be purchased from 1.30pm at St Mary's Churchyard.

Church tours

OLD BASING: Find out some more about St Mary's Parish Church with guided tours of the church.

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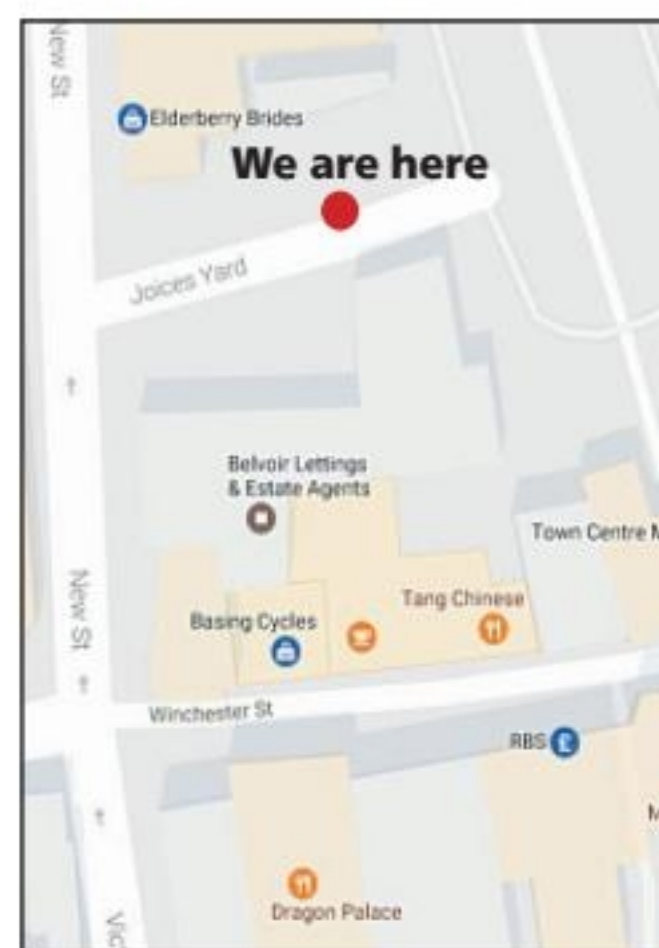
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Ark to Arc on a city bicycle

By Matthew Brown

MOST people use a fold-up bike for commuting, not a 262-mile bike ride to Paris.

But that's exactly what Steve Feldwick is doing.

Steve, on his Brompton, is being joined by a peloton of 34 riders who have jumped into the saddle as part of the Ark to Arc, a gruelling charity bike ride in aid of the Ark Cancer Charity from Basingstoke to the Arc de Triomphe.

The ride also includes 12,500ft of climbing and takes in one of Basingstoke's twin towns, Alençon in Normandy.

"I'm looking forward to combining cycling, which for those who know me will realise is a passion of mine, but I'm also fundraising for an incredible cause," Steve said.

"For those who haven't ridden a Brompton, it's a great

city bike but is about twice the weight of my road bike and has limited gearing so steep climbs will be tough!"

Steve said that he has two relatives fighting cancer and he didn't hesitate to commit to the big cycling challenge when asked.

The cyclists left the Ark Conference Centre yesterday morning and are due to arrive at the iconic Arc de Triomphe in the centre of Paris on July 15.

It has been organised by the Ark Riders, a dedicated group of cyclists set up to raise money for the Ark Cancer Charity and their 2017 £5million appeal for a new cancer centre and beyond, in conjunction with Bike 4 Cancer.

Mark Jones, director of fundraising and communications at the charity, was immensely thankful for the efforts of



the group and the support received.

"The support for Ark to Arc has been fantastic," he said.

"It is humbling and gratifying to see that 30-plus amazing people have signed up for this fundraising ride.

"All of them are committing

their money, time and effort to take part, and it is a fantastic show of support.

"Ark Cancer Charity and Bike 4 Cancer are grateful to every one of them, and also the many businesses who have supported Ark to Arc through sponsorship and by donating prizes."

Visit arkriders.co.uk to donate and follow their progress during the ride.

Above, Some of the Ark to Arc cyclists with Samantha Noorduijn, centre, head of Merit Group, the event gold sponsor

Duo change careers to follow their calling in church

THE new curates of Eastrop and Alton parishes have both changed careers to follow God's calling.

Robert Phillips takes up his post at St Mary's Eastrop, having worked as a financial regulator in London, while

former English teacher Joy Windsor has swapped the classroom for the churches of the Parish of the Resurrection in Alton.

Both were ordained recently by the Right Reverend Tim Dakin, Bishop of Winchester

at the Cathedral, alongside nine other deacons.

Deacons will normally go on to be ordained as a priest a year later.

Their role sees them take on a particular responsibility to serve the community and

reach out to those in need.

Both Robert and Joy will be working in Eastrop and Alton, leading services and serving the local area.

Robert spoke of his pride over being ordained.

"The news about Jesus

Christ is so life-changing and world-changing that I want to help as many people as possible hear it," he said.

Joy will continue to teach alongside her new role and said following God's calling has changed her life.

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Catch baby sale

BASINGSTOKE: Get down to Hatch Warren Community Centre on Saturday for a nearly-new sale of baby and children's toys, clothes and equipment.

Mum2Mum Markets are organising the sale and everything will be available at a fraction of retail prices.

The event starts at 2pm and runs until 4pm, with entry £2 for adults.

Family fete fun

BASINGSTOKE: The Cornerstones Nursery is hosting an annual family fete that promises a lot of fun and games.

At the day on Saturday, between 11am and 2pm, there will be mascots, a raffle, street market and a bouncy castle.

Mystery game

BASINGSTOKE: A live adventure game is coming to Basingstoke this Saturday with 12 secret locations across the town centre taking part.

Participants in the Casefile: The Mystery of the Star-Eaters will piece together the trail, question real witnesses and solve ingenious puzzles.

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The council says it needs to make the savings because of continuing austerity, increases in demand for services and inflationary pressures.

It has launched the 'Serving Hampshire - Balancing the Budget Consultation' to gather views on potential changes to services, ideas to generate further income, use of reserves, potential increases to council tax and changing local government in the county.

County council leader Roy Perry said: "It is important to stress that at this stage, the county council is not proposing specific changes to services.

"Any proposals will be informed by feedback from this consultation and subject to further, more detailed public engagement.

"Therefore, only examples of possible public service changes have been provided."

Residents' views will be used to inform final savings proposals put before select committees and executive members before going to full council in October.

The consultation closes at 11.59pm on August 21. See the council's website for details.

NHS staff honoured at the Hampshire Hospitals awards ceremony



By Matthew Brown

SELFLESS and hard-working NHS staff from Basingstoke Hospital were rewarded for their outstanding care at the Director of Nursing Awards.

Staff from across Hampshire Hospitals Foundation Trust gathered for the awards ceremony at Froyle Park in Alton.

A record 480 nominations were received from relatives and former patients.

Community midwife Alice Gynn bagged herself two awards: an individual award for family and clinical support services, as well as a Basingstoke Rotary award.

This was after she was nominated by a mum for the support she was given throughout her

NHS staff given awards for going extra mile

pregnancy, including delivering her baby at home.

The nomination read: "Alice did a fantastic job of raising my spirits and keeping me positive when I was feeling pretty gloomy. She went a long way above and beyond."

When a patient with a phobia of hospitals arrived at Basingstoke, Cheryl Bond, deputy sister in the orthopaedic pre-assessment unit, provided "a truly patient centred experience".

For this, she scooped the Chief Medical Officer's Award.

The Wallace Award for an individual was shared between Basingstoke Ward E2 staff

nurse Elsa Jones and health-care assistant Phillip O'Hagan, who allowed a family to maximise their time with a relative who was about to pass away.

Elsa "showed great integrity, respect and care" while Phillip "was extremely kind, took the initiative and went above and beyond his duties".

Also on Ward E2, Rahul Chanan, an associate practitioner, took home the individual award for the medical services division after providing a stroke victim "with excellent care".

A patient undergoing chemotherapy praised the "great care and attention" of Basing Unit

staff nurse Diane Mitchell, who picked up the Surgical Services Division individual award.

The Isolation Ward and Cancer nursing teams were also award winning, for their professional and caring approaches.

The Basingstoke child health team won an award for the "kindness, care and compassion" shown to the parents of a boy who was diagnosed with a chronic life-long condition.

Speaking at the ceremony, Donna Green, chief nurse of Hampshire Hospitals, said: "To me, all of you are winners and I am the proudest chief nurse in the country because of the fantastic work you all do."

News Bites

Wraps off statue

BASINGSTOKE: What is believed to be the first life-size bronze sculpture of Jane Austen will be unveiled on Tuesday on the bicentenary of her death.

The Steventon-born, world-renowned author of *Pride and Prejudice* will have a lasting memorial in the Market Place, which was created by Basingstoke sculptor Adam Roud.

A short ceremony starts at midday in the Market Place.

Allotments offer

BRAMLEY: More residents in Bramley have the opportunity to grow their own vegetables on allotments, thanks to work by the parish council.

It has undertaken a two-year management programme, and as a result the waiting list for allotments has been reduced.

Plots are now available and anyone interested should contact the parish clerk, Maxta Thomas, via parishclerk@bramleypc.co.uk.

Circus hits town

BASINGSTOKE: Roll up, roll up for the Charles Chipperfield Circus. The big top has arrived at the Old Common on London Road and will be there until Sunday.

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Tadley take turn

BASINGSTOKE: It is the turn of Tadley Band to perform in Eastrop Park on Sunday as the summer concerts programme returns.

They are performing at the bandstand next to the boating lake between 3pm and 5pm.

Bring your picnics, rugs and deckchairs to enjoy a relaxed afternoon of music. Concerts will be held until July 30.

Date with fete

BRAMLEY: Get out and enjoy the fun of the fete at Bramley CofE Primary School on Saturday.

Attractions include a falconry display, storm troopers, pony rides and much more.

Entry is free and the fete runs from 11am to 3pm.

Time to get crafty

BASINGSTOKE: Children can be kept entertained with craft sessions over the summer.

Hobbycraft in Winchester Road is holding free kids crafting demonstrations every Wednesday between midday and 2pm.

Parish goes live

SHERFIELD ON LODDON: The parish council has launched its own Facebook page.

Search for Sherfield on Loddon Parish Council.

Opinion split on bid to build new retail park

By Matthew Brown

PLANS to develop a new retail park in Basingstoke attracting big name brands have been recommended for approval.

Aldi, Nandos, Costa Coffee and Oak Furniture Land could be coming to the former Smiths Industries Aerospace site, on Harrow Way, next to Brighton Hill Retail Park.

Developer Area Estates wants to build a Home Improvement Hub at the site, which it says will create 300 jobs.

The plan was due to go before Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's development control committee last night and officers have recommended councillors approve it.

Speaking before the meeting, Brighton Hill South councillor Andrew McCormick said: "A red line for us would be empty shop units in Brighton Hill, but I'm reasonably happy that's not going to happen."

"The food offering in Festival Place won't be impacted much by this, and Oak Furniture Land haven't got a store in Basingstoke."

"Aldi is very popular and

An artist's impression of the proposed retail park on the former Smiths Industries Aerospace site



it would be really good to get them in Basingstoke."

Cllr McCormick said that local residents were split '50-50' on the proposals and 15 letters of objection were received.

Concerns ranged from increased traffic, impact on local businesses and residents, light and noise pollution and over development of the site.

He added: "Yes it's a good retail mix, yes it's not going to close down shops in Brighton Hill, yes we've got some developer's contributions that will see cycle paths put down and finally getting use of land that's

been derelict for 20 years."

"However, the negatives are Brighton Hill roundabout, traffic flow on Harrow Way, Winchester Road and that's part of a bigger issue because this scheme will not generate enough section 106 contributions (money developers have to pay for infrastructure) to fully fund the roundabout."

He called on Hampshire County Council to stump up the rest of the cash to fund improvements to the Brighton Hill Roundabout.

Duncan McEwan of Fintry Estates Ltd, speaking on behalf

of Area Estates, said: "We were delighted with the feedback and the supportive comments received from local residents and stakeholders."

"The level of engagement reflected the interest of the local community in this site."

"If approved our scheme will see the creation of a Home Improvement Hub and 300 new jobs, as well as significant contributions to highway improvements, predominately for the Brighton Hill Roundabout."

• To find out how the committee voted, see next week's Basingstoke Observer.

Listen out to save lives, say Samaritans

BASINGSTOKE Samaritans are urging people to improve their listening skills as part of their Talk to Us campaign.

Samaritans believe good listening is essential to bringing down the number of suicides, currently happening at the rate of one every 90 minutes.

Lily from Basingstoke Samaritans said: "Suicide is everyone's business. This year we're asking people all over the country to SHUSH! and take time out to listen to others."

"Sixty years of Samaritans' expertise has taught us that just listening is the greatest gift you can give to somebody and that it can save lives."

SHUSH! tips are:

- Show you care: focus on the other person, make eye contact, put away your phone
- Have patience: it may take time before a person is ready to open up
- Use open questions: ones that need more than a yes/no answer
- Say it back: check you've understood, but don't interrupt or offer a solution
- Have courage: don't be put off by a negative response and don't be afraid to leave silence.

Members of the Samaritans will be at Basingstoke train station on July 24, handing out SHUSH! tips and highlighting the work they do.

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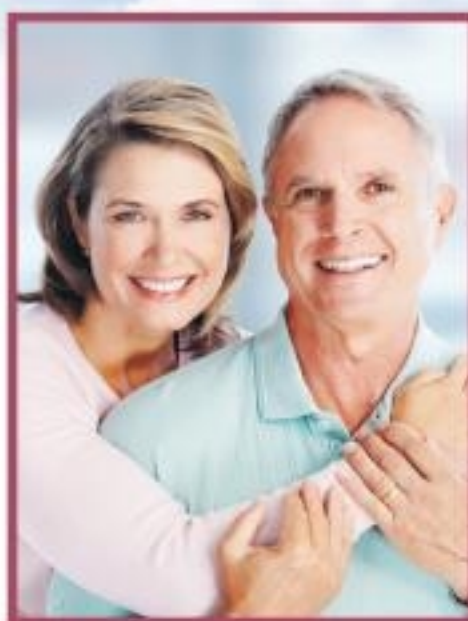
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Quick Clues Across

- 1 Handcart (6)
- 7 Bitter repentance (7)
- 8 Hug (7)
- 9 Female relative (5)
- 10 Twisted (9)
- 12 Coal distillate (3)
- 13 Groups (4)
- 15 A chemical element (7)
- 17 Maiden (4)
- 19 Wholly (3)
- 21 Meddle (9)
- 22 Dislikes (5)
- 23 Lewd (7)
- 24 Sure (7)
- 25 Happily (6)

Quick Clues Down

- 1 Producing young (8)
- 2 Strong (6)
- 3 Speakers (7)
- 4 Correct (5)
- 5 Chill (6)
- 6 No more than (4)
- 7 Reparation (11)
- 11 Appendage (4)
- 13 Identity (4)
- 14 Strictly (8)
- 16 Sunshade (7)
- 18 Sharp reply (6)
- 20 Myth (6)
- 21 Moslem religion (5)
- 22 Wine (4)

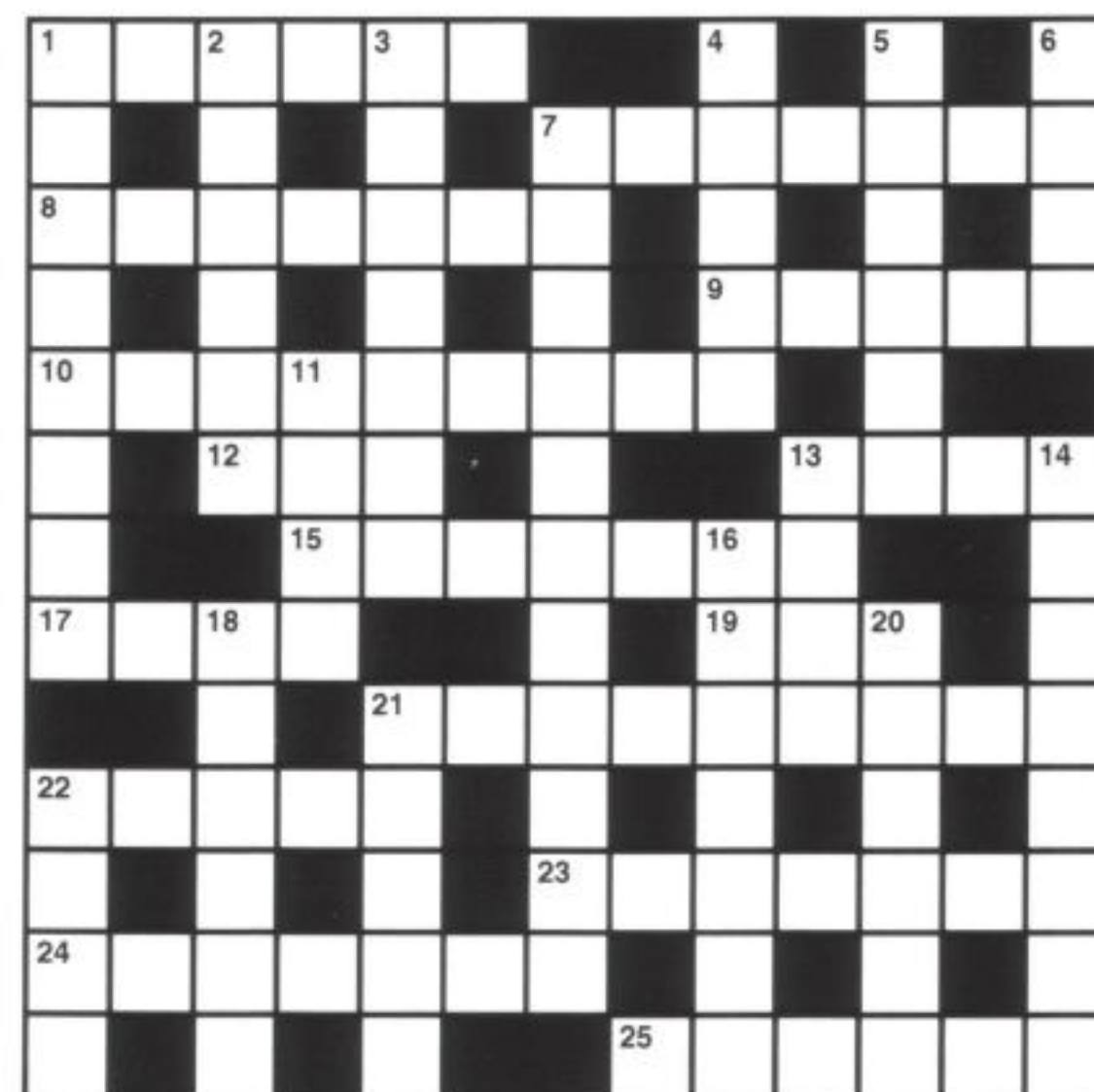
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Cryptic Clues Across

- 1 Shown compassion and heard to be scarred (6)
- 7 The supporters don't come forward (7)
- 8 Narcotic effect of Southernwood? (7)
- 9 Strict US soldier gets cut free (5)
- 10 Arrogant little devil will hesitate to take on debts (9)
- 12 Lose strength as 17 does endlessly (3)
- 13 Somehow robs the globes (4)
- 15 Thus putting to a purpose a thorough drenching (7)
- 17 Wise man in the garden (4)
- 19 It's taken from mine (3)
- 21 Craft intended, we hear, to go south for consignments (9)
- 22 They always wear wool next to the skin (5)
- 23 Steals a little sleep? (7)
- 24 Minus? (7)
- 25 Climbs the ranges (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

- 1 Time to go out for recreation (8)
- 2 They are tricky to play (6)
- 3 Set me up at the bar and try prohibition (7)
- 4 They are over-wound (5)
- 5 One without a proverbial choice (6)
- 6 Employed in the house-decorating trade (4)
- 7 Very useful for a spell of air travel (11)
- 11 The rest (of the letters by the sound of it) (4)
- 13 Man-eating monster might well gore you (4)
- 14 Lives for the bus returning to my young sister up the road (8)
- 16 Wandering Dominican doesn't get in (7)
- 18 They are for putting balls on (6)
- 20 Necessitate coming in late (6)
- 21 Light fall? (5)
- 22 Bright boys presumably (4)



Sudoku

The objective is to fill a 9×9 grid with digits so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3×3 sub-grids that compose the grid (also called "boxes", "blocks", "regions", or "sub-squares") contains all of the digits from 1 to 9. The puzzle setter provides a partially completed grid, which for a well-posed puzzle has a unique solution.

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Quick Crossword
Across: 1 Barrow 7 Remorse 8 Embrace 9 Niece
10 Distorted 12 Tar 13 Sets 15 Isotope 17 Girl 19 All
21 Interfere 22 Hates 23 Obscene 24 Certain 25 Gladly
Down: 1 Restitution 11 Tail 13 Self 14 Severely 16 Parasol
6 Mere 7 Resting 8 Slumber 9 Rigid 10 Impenetrable
Across: 1 Pastimes 2 Trumps 3 Embargo 4 Scars 5 Beggar
6 Used 7 Broomsticks 11 Case 13 Orgie 14 Subsists
16 Normadic 18 Greens 20 Entail 21 Spill 22 Sons

Cryptic Crossword
Across: 1 Piled 7 Bakers 8 Slumber 9 Rigid 10 Impenetrable
12 Sag 13 Orbs 15 Sousing 17 Sage 19 Ore 21 Shipments
22 Sheep 23 Kidnaps 24 Nonplus 25 Scales
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The Swing Commanders
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Geno Washington and the Ram Jam Band
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Friday
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JiveSwing
The Spitfire Fashion Show
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Sunday
The Jake Leg Jug Band
My Favourite Things
The Bowlers
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Saturday July 15th

	BBC1	BBC2	ITV	Channel 4	Channel 5
	Pitch Battle , 7.30pm 	Today at Wimbledon , 8pm 	Catchphrase , 6.45pm 	World Para Athletics Championships London 2017 , 7pm 	FIA Formula E: New York , 10pm 
DAYTIME	6.00 Breakfast (S) 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live (S) 11.30 Mary Berry Cooks (S)(R) 12.00 BBC News ; Weather (S) 12.15 Bargain Hunt (S)(R) 1.00 Wimbledon 2017 Sue Barker presents coverage of the ladies' singles final (S) 6.25 BBC News (S) 6.35 BBC Regional News ; Weather (S) 6.45 Pointless Celebrities Various stars from the soap world take part in the unorthodox quiz show. (S)(R)	8.05 FILM A Walk in the Sun (1945) (12) (S) 10.00 Monty Halls' Great Irish Escape (S)(R) 11.00 Wimbledon Wheelchair Finals (S) 12.30 Hairy Bikers' Best of British (S)(R) 1.15 FILM Forbidden Planet (1956) (U) (S) 2.55 Wanted Down Under (S)(R) 3.40 Natural World: Tiger Island (S)(R) 4.40 Flog It! (S)(R) 5.25 Gardeners' World (S)(R) 6.25 Wimbledon 2017 (S)	6.00 CITV 8.25 ITV News (S) 8.30 Weekend (S) 9.25 The Voice Kids (S)(R) 10.50 FILM Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (2004) (PG) (S) 1.25 ITV News ; Weather (S) 1.35 ITV Racing: Live from Newmarket (S) 5.00 Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs (S)(R) 5.30 Little Big Shots USA (S) 6.25 ITV Regional News ; Weather (S) 6.35 ITV News (S) 6.45 Catchphrase (S)	8.50 F1 Meets Claire Williams (S)(R) 9.20 F1 Meets Toto Wolff (S)(R) 9.55 Formula 1 British Grand Prix Practice 3 (S) 11.25 F1 Meets Nigel Mansell (S) 11.55 Formula 1 British Grand Prix Qualifying Live (S) 2.30 World's Most Expensive Cars (S) 3.30 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun (S)(R) 4.35 Big House, Little House (S) 5.35 Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It (S)(R) 6.30 Channel 4 News (S)	6.00 Milkshake! 10.15 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Tokka turns up looking for her child Chompy. (S) 10.50 Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud 2 (S)(R) 11.10 Police Interceptors Barry Peach outsmarts a disqualified driver. (S)(R) 12.10 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun (S)(R) 2.05 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door (S)(R) 4.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away (S)(R) 6.55 5 News Weekend (S)
7	7.30 Pitch Battle Mel Giedroyc presents the fifth heat of the choral contest. Postponed from Saturday 8th July. (S)		7.30 The Voice Kids Semi-Final The 12 remaining contestants enter the semi-finals. (S)	7.00 World Para Athletics Championships London 2017 Coverage of the evening session on day two of the Championships. (S)	7.00 Cricket on 5 England v South Africa. Highlights of the second day's play in the Second Test of the four-match series. (S)
8		8.00 Today at Wimbledon Clare Balding presents highlights of the day's play, where the ladies' singles final was the main attraction on Centre Court. (S)			8.00 Blind Date Paul O'Grady plays cupid for a 50-year-old Post Office manager from Bournemouth. (S)
9	9.00 Casualty Part one of two. Iain spots a chance to bring Scott to justice after Mickey is injured and brought to the ED. (S) 9.50 BBC News; Weather ; (S) National Lottery Update (S)	9.00 Imagine: Chris Ofili - The Caged Bird's Song Alan Yentob catches up with Turner Prize-winning painter Chris Ofili. (S)	9.30 ITV News; Weather (S) 9.45 FILM Inception (2010) (12) Premiere. Sci-fi thriller, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Ellen Page. (S)		9.00 Big Brother Daily round-up of highlights, featuring more games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat, as well as reactions to the latest eviction. (S)
10	10.10 FILM Die Hard with a Vengeance (1995) (15) Action thriller sequel, with Bruce Willis, Samuel L Jackson and Jeremy Irons. (S)	10.00 Mock the Week Quiz show, with Dara O Briain. (S)(R) 10.30 QI XL With guests Ciaran Lloyd, Dermot O'Leary and Phill Jupitus. (S)		10.00 FILM The Hunger Games (2012) (12) Sci-fi adventure, starring Jennifer Lawrence and Josh Hutcherson. (S)	10.00 FIA Formula E: New York The first New York ePrix race. Action from the first of two races staged at the Brooklyn Street Circuit in New York. (S)
11		11.15 Live at the Apollo Stand-up comedy with Josh Widdicombe, Nathan Caton and Celia Pacquola. (S)(R) 11.45 Golf: Scottish Open (S)			11.30 Criminals: Caught on Camera The use of CCTV to tackle shoplifters. (S)(R)
AFTER 12	12.10 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) 12.15 BBC News (S)	12.45 FILM Salvage (2009) (18) Horror, starring Neve McIntosh. (S) 2.00 This Is BBC Two (S)	12.30 The Chase (S)(R) 1.25 Jackpot247 3.00 Who's Doing the Dishes? (S)(R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen	12.45 Ramsay's Hotel Hell (S)(R) 1.35 60 Days in Jail (S)(R) 2.25 Hollyoaks (S) 4.25 Ackley Bridge (S)(R) 5.20 Location, Location, Location (S)(R)	12.00 SuperCasino (S) 3.10 FILM Sniper (1993) (15) Action thriller, with Billy Zane. (S) 4.50 Great Artists (S)(R) 5.15 Wildlife SOS (S)(R) 5.40 Angels of Jarm (S)(R) 5.50 Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Emmerdale **8.50** Coronation Street **11.10** Take Me Out **12.20** The Voice Kids **1.50** You've Been Framed! Gold: The Next Generation **2.55** FILM: The Smurfs (2011) (U) Fantasy comedy, starring Neil Patrick Harris. **3.55** FYI Daily **4.00** FILM: The Smurfs (2011) (U) Concluded. **5.00** FILM: St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold (2009) (PG) Comedy sequel, starring Rupert Everett. **6.00** FYI Daily **6.05** FILM: St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold (2009) (PG) Concluded. **7.10** FILM: Gravity (2013) (12) Thriller, starring Sandra Bullock and George Clooney. **8.10** FYI Daily **8.15** FILM: Gravity (2013) (12) Concluded. **9.00** Love Island: The Weekly Hot List **10.00** Celebrity Juice: Massive Election Special **10.50** Family Guy **12.20** American Dad! **1.15** FILM: Scary Movie 4 (2006) (15) Spoof horror sequel, starring Anna Faris. **2.15** FYI Daily **2.20** FILM: Scary Movie 4 (2006) (15) Concluded. **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 George and Mildred **6.25** Murder, She Wrote **8.20** The Darling Buds of May **9.30** The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes **11.50** Goodbye Mr Chips **1.55** Wycliffe **3.00** Lewis **5.05** Agatha Christie's Marple **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** Law & Order: UK **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Britain's Lost Waterlands: Escape to Swallows and Amazons Country. Presenters Dick Strawbridge and Professor Alice Roberts explore the British landscapes that inspired author Arthur Ransome to write his famous series Swallows and Amazons. **8.00** The Last Seabird Summer? **9.00** I Know Who You Are **11.20** Top of the Pops: 1984 **11.55** TOTP2: Boy Bands **12.50** Rollermania: Britain's Biggest Boy Band **1.50** The Richest Songs in the World **3.25** TOTP2: Boy Bands **4.20** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rude(ish) Tube **6.30** Kevin Can Wait **6.55** New Girl **7.25** The Goldbergs **8.25** Couples Come Dine with Me **10.30** How I Met Your Mother **1.00** The Goldbergs **3.00** FILM: 101 Dalmatians (1996) (U) Disney comedy adventure remake, starring Glenn Close. **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Salt (2010) (12) Action thriller, starring Angelina Jolie. **11.00** Gogglebox **1.05** Tattoo

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MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Food Unwrapped **9.30** The Yorkshire Dales and the Lakes **10.30** A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun **2.45** Come Dine with Me **5.25** Four in a Bed **8.00** The Queen's Mother-in-Law **9.00** Prince Philip: The Plot to Make a King **10.05** It Was Alright in the 1970s **12.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **1.15** Father Ted **1.50** It Was Alright in the 1970s **4.00** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Night Passage (1957) (U) Western, starring James Stewart. **1.00** Baggage Claim (2013) (12) Romantic comedy, with Paula Patton. **2.50** Tooth Fairy (2010) (PG) Family comedy, starring Dwayne Johnson. **4.50** A League of Their Own (1992) (PG) Baseball comedy drama, starring Geena Davis. **7.20** Men in Black II (2002) (PG) Sci-fi comedy sequel, starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones. **9.00** X-Men: Days of Future Past (2014) (12) Superhero time travel adventure, starring Hugh Jackman. **11.35** Evil Dead (2013) (18) Horror remake, starring Jane Levy. **1.30** The Duke of Burgundy (2014) (18) Drama, starring Sidse Babbett Knudsen and Chiara D'Anna. **3.40** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.00 Home Shopping **7.15** Lizard Lick Towing **7.40** Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge **8.30** Top Gear **9.30** Projects **10.30** Dara O Briain's Go 8 Bit **11.30** Go 8 Bit: DLC **12.00** The Joy of Techs **1.00** Red Bull Soapbox Race 2017: London **4.00** Top Gear **7.00** Not Going Out **9.00** FILM: Heat (1995) (15) Crime thriller, starring Robert De Niro and Al Pacino. **12.35** QI XL **2.30** Mock the Week **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Birds of a Feather **7.45** The Last Detective **11.00** Sharpe **1.00** When the Boat Comes In **5.00** Porridge **7.00** Hetty Wainthrop Investigates **8.00** Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries **9.00** Taggart **10.45** Waking the Dead **1.10** Ain't Misbehavin' **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew **8.00** Football's Funniest Moments **8.30** The F1 Show **9.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **2.00** Dogs: An Amazing Animal Family **3.00** It's Me or the Dog **4.30** Modern Family **7.00** Golf's Funniest

Moments **8.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **9.00** A League of Their Own: US Road Trip **2.0** **10.00** Karl Pilkington: The Moaning of Life **11.00** Hawaii Five-0 **12.00** A League of Their Own **1.00** Ross Kemp: Extreme World **2.00** Night Cops **3.00** Most Daring **4.00** It's Me or the Dog **5.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 The Guest Wing **8.00** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **9.00** Storm City **10.00** Fish Town **11.00** FILM: Dinosaur 13 (2014) (PG) The true story of one of history's greatest dinosaur discoveries. **1.00** House **4.00** Without a Trace **9.00** Game of Thrones **12.05** Riviera **1.05** Twin Peaks: The Return **2.15** Nurse Jackie **4.00** Urban Secrets

W SKY: 109

11.40 EastEnders **2.20** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars **5.20** My Family **8.00** One Born Every Minute **9.00** FILM: Election (1999) (15) Satirical comedy, starring Matthew Broderick and Reese Witherspoon. **11.00** Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders **12.00** Louis Theroux: America's Most Dangerous Pets **1.00** MasterChef Australia **2.15** The Strain **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.10 The Piglet Files **8.00** Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em **8.40** Last of the Summer Wine **10.40** Porridge **4.00** Open All Hours **9.20** Mrs Brown's Boys **10.00** Live at the Apollo **11.00** The Young Ones **12.35** Black Books **1.45** The Mighty Boosh **2.50** Garth Marenghi's Darkplace **3.20** The Young Ones **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Live Super Rugby. Sunwolves v Blues (kick-off 4.05am). **6.10** Live Super Rugby. Chiefs v Brumbies (kick-off 6.15am). **8.15** Rugby Gold **8.20** Live Super Rugby. Hurricanes v Crusaders (kick-off 8.35am). **10.30** Live Super Rugby. Force v Waratahs (kick-off 10.45am). **12.45** Live Star Sixes Football. Coverage of day three of the six-a-side tournament at The O2 in London. **4.15** Live Super Rugby. Sharks v Lions (kick-off 4.15pm). **6.10** Super Rugby Gold **6.15** Football's Greatest Players **6.45** Premier League Legends **7.15** Live Star Sixes Football. Further coverage of day three of the six-a-side tournament at The O2 in London. **10.30** Formula 1 **11.40** Spanish Football Gold **12.00** Premier League 100 Club **12.30** Star Sixes Football **3.45** Football's Greatest Players **4.45** Football Gold

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Sunday July 16th

	BBC1	BBC2	ITV	Channel 4	Channel 5
	Countryfile, 7pm	Wimbledon 2017, 6.30pm	Judge Rinder's Crime Stories, 10.20pm	World Para Athletics Championships London 2017, 7pm	That's So 1981, 8pm
DAYTIME	6.00 Breakfast (S) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show The week's talking points. (S) 10.00 Sunday Morning Live (S) 11.00 Sunday Politics Presented by Andrew Neil (S) 12.15 BBC News; Weather (S) 12.30 Bargain Hunt (S)(R) 1.00 Wimbledon 2017 (S) 1.50 Wimbledon 2017 Coverage of the men's singles final (S) 6.30 BBC News (S) 6.50 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)	9.30 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites (S) 11.00 Wimbledon Wheelchair Finals (S) 12.30 Nigel Slater: Eating Together (S)(R) 1.00 Hairy Bikers' Best of British (S)(R) 1.45 FILM Father of the Bride Part II (1995) (PG) (S) 3.25 Wanted Down Under (S) (R) 4.10 Meerkats: Secrets of an Animal Superstar (S)(R) 5.10 Songs of Praise (S) 5.45 Flog It! (S)(R) 6.30 Wimbledon 2017 (S)	10.25 Britain's Best Walks with Julia Bradbury (S)(R) 10.55 Love Your Garden (S)(R) 11.55 ITV News; Weather (S) 12.10 James Martin's French Adventure (S)(R) 12.40 The Voice Kids Semi-Final (S)(R) 2.40 Bear Grylls Survival School (S)(R) 3.10 FILM For Your Eyes Only (1981) (PG) (S) 5.40 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 5.55 ITV News (S) 6.10 The Celebrity Chase (S)	6.15 Last Man Standing (S) 7.05 Everybody Loves Raymond (S)(R) 8.00 Frasier (S)(R) 9.00 Sunday Brunch (S) 12.00 Formula 1 British Grand Prix Live Build-Up (S) 12.35 Formula 1 British Grand Prix Live (S) 3.10 Formula 1 British Grand Prix Live Reaction (S) 4.30 World's Most Expensive Cars (S) 5.35 The Restoration Man (S)(R) 6.30 Channel 4 News (S)	6.00 Milkshake! 10.05 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S) 10.40 Make You Laugh Out Loud (S)(R) 11.05 Kittens Make You Laugh Out Loud (S)(R) 12.00 Naughty Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud (S)(R) 12.55 Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud 4 (S)(R) 1.55 FILM Racing Stripes (2004) (U) (S) 3.45 FILM Alvin and the Chipmunks (2007) (U) (S) 5.30 FIA Formula E Live (S)
7	7.00 Countryfile Ellie Harrison visits a Scottish island that is home to the largest puffin colony on Britain's east coast. (S)		7.10 The Voice Kids Final Emma Willis presents the grand final of the talent contest. Last in the series. (S)	7.00 World Para Athletics Championships London 2017 Coverage of the evening session on day three of the Championships. (S)	7.10 Cricket on 5 England v South Africa. (S)
8	8.00 Fake or Fortune? Fiona Bruce and art experts Philip Mould and Bendor Grosvenor come to the aid of a man who has inherited three paintings. (S)(R)	8.00 FILM The Lone Ranger (2013) (12) Western, starring Armie Hammer and Johnny Depp. Edited for daytime broadcast. (S)			8.00 That's So 1981 An entertaining look at the year. (S)(R) 8.55 5 News Weekend (S)
9	9.00 Poldark Ross and Demelza help Dwight to recover from his traumatic imprisonment in France, while George tries to force Morwenna into marriage to further his political ambitions.		9.00 The Loch A body is pulled from the Loch, and a photograph in his wallet provides a vital clue. Albrighton continues to pursue his theory, putting his life on the line. Last in the series. (S)	9.30 The Handmaid's Tale The Commander takes Offred on a surprising adventure that reveals one of Gilead's best-kept secrets, and Nick is recruited by the Sons of Jacob. (S)	9.00 Big Brother Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley. (S)
10	10.00 BBC News (S) 10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather 10.30 Would I Lie to You? With Maggie Aderin-Pocock, Phil Wang, Jason Watkins and Adam Woodyatt. (S)(R)	10.20 Today at Wimbledon Clare Balding and guests look back at highlights of the men's singles final, where the third Grand Slam title of the year was set to be decided. (S)	10.00 ITV News; Weather (S) 10.20 Judge Rinder's Crime Stories Barrister Robert Rinder examines the cases of a boy who was kept as a slave for 13 years. (S)(R)	10.35 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Jonathan Ross, Lee Mack and Victoria Coren Mitchell join regulars Jon Richardson and Jimmy Carr. (S) (R)	10.00 FILM 21 Jump Street (2012) (15) Comedy inspired by the 1980s TV series, starring Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum. Includes 5 News Update at 11pm. (S)
11	11.00 The Week the Landlords Moved In (S)(R)	11.20 Golf: Scottish Open Eilidh Barbour presents highlights of the final round of the European Tour event. (S)	11.20 Take Me Out Would-be Romeos from Croydon, Swansea, Essex and Leeds try to win dates by winning the approval of a pool of 30 single women. (S)(R)	11.35 FILM The Lincoln Lawyer (2011) (15) Thriller, with Matthew McConaughey and Marisa Tomei. (S)	11.00 5 News Update 11.05 FILM 21 Jump Street (2012) (15) Concluded. (S)
AFTER 12	12.00 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) 12.05 BBC News (S)	12.20 Athletics: Diamond League Rabat Highlights (S) 1.20 Sign Zone: Countryfile (S)(R) 2.15 Holby City (S)(R) 3.15 This Is BBC Two (S)	12.30 Jackpot247 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)	1.45 The World's Weirdest Weather (S)(R) 2.40 The Last Leg (S)(R) 3.35 KOTV Boxing Weekly (S) 4.00 Gillette World Sport (S) 4.30 Mobil 1 The Grid (S)(R) 5.00 Location, Location, Location (S)(R) 5.55 3rd Rock from the Sun (S)(R)	12.15 OMG! Boy Beauty Addicts (S) 1.10 SuperCasino (S) 3.10 Little Divas: Tantrums & Tiaras (S)(R) 4.00 Britain's Greatest Bridges (S)(R) 4.50 Great Artists (S)(R) 5.15 Wildlife SOS (S)(R) 5.40 Angels of Jarm (S)(R) 5.50 Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)



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6.00 You've Been Framed! Gold 6.25 Emmerdale 9.25 Coronation Street 11.50 Ninja Warrior UK 12.50 **FILM**: Babe (1995) (U) Family comedy, starring James Cromwell. 1.55 FYI Daily 2.00 **FILM**: Babe (1995) (U) Concluded. 2.40 The Voice Kids Semi-Final 4.40 **FILM**: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) (U) Comedy sequel, starring Chris O'Donnell. 5.40 FYI Daily 5.45 **FILM**: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) (U) Concluded. 6.20 **FILM**: The Amazing Spider-Man (2012) (12) Superhero adventure reboot, starring Andrew Garfield. 7.20 FYI Daily 7.25 **FILM**: The Amazing Spider-Man (2012) (12) Concluded. 9.00 Love Island 10.00 Love Island: Aftersun 11.05 Family Guy 12.30 American Dad! 1.25 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 1.55 Planet's Funniest Animals 2.15 Teleshopping 5.45 ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 George and Mildred 6.25 Inspector Morse 8.30 Heartbeat 10.40 Murder, She Wrote 11.40 The Darling Buds of May 12.50 Wycliffe 1.55 Foyle's War 4.00 Agatha Christie's Marple 8.00 The Booze Cruise III 10.00 Law & Order: UK 12.00 Wire in the Blood 3.25 May the Best House Win 5.05 Rising Damp 5.30 ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Lucy Worsley: Mozart's London Odyssey. Presenters Dick Strawbridge and Professor Alice Roberts explore the British landscapes that inspired author Arthur Ransome to write his famous series Swallows and Amazons. 8.00 BBC Proms 2017 10.00 John Denver: Country Boy 11.00 Horizon: Asteroids - The Good, the Bad and the Ugly 12.00 Dissected: The Incredible Human Hand 1.00 Britain's Whale Hunters: The Untold Story 2.00 Atlantis - The Evidence 3.00 Lucy Worsley: Mozart's London Odyssey 4.00 Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rude(ish) Tube 6.30 Couples Come Dine with Me 8.30 Hollyoaks 11.00 **FILM**: Space Chimps 2: Zartog Strikes Back (2010) (U) Animated sci-fi comedy sequel, with the voice of Zack Shada. 12.40 Rude(ish) Tube Shorts 1.00 The Goldbergs 3.00 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 The Crystal Maze: Celebrity Special 9.00 **FILM**: Speed (1994) (15) Action thriller, starring Keanu Reeves. 11.20 Rude Tube 12.25 Gogglebox 1.25 Tattoo

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Fixers 2.30 8 Out of 10 Cats 3.10 The Goldbergs 3.35 Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Location, Location, Location 12.05 Come Dine with Me 2.45 Four in a Bed 5.20 Come Dine with Me 7.55 The Secret Life of the Zoo 8.55 Father Ted 9.30 World Para Athletics Championships London 2017. Concluding coverage of the evening session on day three of the Championships. 10.05 Micky Flanagan's Out Out Tour 11.05 24 Hours in A&E 12.15 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA 2.10 24 Hours in A&E 3.10 8 Out of 10 Cats 4.00 Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 The Wackiest Ship in the Army (1960) (U) Second World War comedy, starring Jack Lemmon. 1.00 Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009) (U) Animated adventure sequel, with the voice of John Leguizamo. 2.45 Carry On Spying (1964) (U) Comedy, starring Kenneth Williams. 4.30 The Jewel of the Nile (1985) (PG) Comedy adventure sequel, starring Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner. 6.35 Grease (1978) (PG) Romantic musical, with John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John. 9.00 Men in Black 3 (2012) (PG) Sci-fi comedy sequel, starring Will Smith. 11.10 Machete Kills (2013) (15) Action thriller sequel, starring Danny Trejo. 1.20 Lunacy (2005) (18) Satirical horror, starring Pavel Liska. 3.50 Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping 8.00 Top Gear 9.00 Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge 10.00 Motorway Cops 11.00 Traffic Cops 12.00 Top Gear 1.00 Would I Lie to You? 3.00 Not Going Out 5.00 Top Gear 6.00 Red Bull Soapbox: Mumbai 7.00 Traffic Cops 9.00 Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You 10.00 Taskmaster 11.00 Live at the Apollo 12.00 QI XL 1.00 Mock the Week 2.50 Parks and Recreation 4.00 Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

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6.00 Football Gold 7.00 WWE Main Event 8.00 Premier League Legends 9.00 Fight Night 11.00 Football's Greatest Players 11.30 Live Formula 1. The drivers are presented to the fans during the British Grand Prix track parade. 12.00 Live Formula 1. Simon Lazenby and the team present live from the pit lane. 12.30 Live Formula 1. The British Grand Prix (Start-time 1.00pm). 3.30 Live Formula 1. Updates and interviews from the paddock area following the British Grand Prix. 4.15 Fight Night 6.15 Football Gold 6.30 Live Star Sixes Football. Coverage of day four of the six-a-side tournament at the O2 in London. 10.15 Formula 1 11.15 Premier League Legends 12.15 Star Sixes Football 4.00 Premier League 100 Club 5.30 Spanish Football Gold

ENTERTAINMENT & LEISURE

Where dreams come true

By Josh Cox

RARE Productions theatre company will be showcasing Hairspray at The Haymarket in Basingstoke next month.

It's 1962 in Baltimore, and the lovable plus-size teen Tracy Turnblad has only one desire – to dance on the popular Corny Collins Show. When her dream comes true, Tracy is transformed from a social outcast to a sudden star.

She must use her newfound power to dethrone the reigning teen queen, win the affections of heartthrob Link Larkin, and integrate a TV network, all without denting her 'do'. You can't stop the beat in this big and bold musical about one girl's inspiring dream to dance.

With classic songs such as Nicest Kids In Town, Good Morning Baltimore and Big, Blonde and Beautiful, the show promises to be a treat for all ages.

This lovable musical contains clever humour and witty one-liners throughout that appeals a wide range of ages.

Rare Productions is the UK's largest youth musical theatre company who are known for helping young people put on a full show at their local stage.

Tracy gets her dream to dance on the Corny Collins Show



The company was founded 12 years ago and produces more than 200 shows a year. With a run time of just over two hours (including an interval), this light

hearted and fun loving show can be enjoyed by the whole family.

Hairspray runs on August 3 and 4 at 7.30pm and on August 5 at 2.30pm.

Full price tickets are £17, which includes a £2 booking fee. Book via the box office on 01256 844244, or visit anvilarts.org.uk.

Page to stage

DANCE: Vanessa Golborn School of Dance will showcase Storytime: The Juniors on Saturday at 2pm at The Anvil.

Imaginative choreography and skilful dancers will take the audience on journey through some of the most famous stories of all time.

Full price tickets cost £14; over 65s, under 16s and full-time student tickets are £8.

Big and bronze

SHOW: The Haymarket will be the home for the Southern Natural Bodybuilding Championships 2017 on Sunday.

Bringing together the best natural bodybuilders from all over Southern England, including men and women from teenagers to the over 60s, this competition sees them all battling to see who will be crowned champion.

Adult tickets cost £22.

Hatchlings take bow

SHOW: Head on down to The Haymarket on Wednesday for an evening of dazzling dancers, amazing actors and remarkable recorder players.

Hatch Warren Infant School will be showcasing its very own Hatch Warren's Got Talent from 6.30pm.

Comedy pair on home turf

By Josh Cox

WHEN it comes to comedy, Luke and Elliott have some serious accolades under their belts.

They hold a joint county record for most jokes told in a single second and pride themselves as being the first 'Dual-Comics' in the world.

The pair have been friends for more than 14 years and are touring the UK with their brand new show, Luke & Elliott Live 2017.

Using the aid of videos, music and photos from their projector, they transform the stage into a 'lit' and 'slick' hilarious platform for entertainment.

Luke Bateman and Elliott Williams are both local to Hampshire and although they have worked as presenters, actors, writers, directors and producers, the pair specialise in comedy performances.

They take to the stage at the Phoenix arts centre in Bordon tomorrow at 8pm.

There's more comedy the following night at the Phoenix when comedians

Ed Gamble and Bilal Zafar go through their paces before taking their show to the Edinburgh Fringe.

Gamble is a stand-up comedian, writer and actor.

He most recently starred in BBC America's 'cult hit' Almost Royal, which is soon returning to the screens for a second season.

Gamble has appeared on some of the UK's most popular TV Shows: Mock the Week (BBC2), Man Down (Channel 4), Never Mind the Buzzcocks (BBC2) and Russell Howard's Good News (BBC 2). He won the prestigious Chortle award for Best Comper in 2014.

Bilal Zafar was nominated for Best Newcomer for his debut show at the Edinburgh Fringe 2016.

A year earlier he was named New Act of the Year at the Leicester Square Theatre New Comedian of the Year competition, joining the company of previous winners such as Stewart Lee, Ardal O'Hanlon, Joe Wilkinson and Linda Smith.

For tickets to both comedy shows, call the Phoenix on 01420 472664 or email info@phoenixarts.co.uk.



Friends Luke and Elliott bring their brand of comedy to The Phoenix tomorrow

Karaoke calling

MUSIC: The popular karaoke and disco night Harmanyvocalz is back at The Tea Bar in Basingstoke tomorrow (Friday).

You can join Matthew Harman for a night of fun, packed with classic songs being covered by Basingstoke's rising stars.

The evening runs from 8pm to 11.30pm and carries no entry fee.

Dancers roar in

DANCE: The experienced and skilled Live 2 Dance Academy will be bringing their Live 2 Dance 2017 show to The Haymarket on July 22 from 7.30pm.

Be prepared to clap, stomp, sing and raise the roof as the dancers showcase a range of disciplines to popular hit songs. Adult tickets are £14 and there are discounts available for over 65s and under 16s.

Force be with you

MUSIC: Head down to The Swan at Sherborne St John on Sunday where Force Ten play an electro-acoustic rock set.

The group perform covers from artists such as The Kinks, U2, Kings of Leon, Radiohead, Lenny Kravitz, AC/DC and more. The gig starts at 4pm and has no entry fee.

ENTERTAINMENT & LEISURE

Competition

WIN tickets to the Battle Proms at Highclere Castle

SINCE their first concert in 1997 the Battle Proms have been treating their audiences to a heady mix of sublime classical music, carefully choreographed Spitfire and cavalry displays, dramatic cannon fire and stunning firework finales.

As the series enters its 20th anniversary year, the iconic stately home loved worldwide as 'Downton Abbey' will once again provide a stunning backdrop to the entertainment when the Battle Proms returns to Highclere Castle on Saturday 5 August 2017. The Battle Proms takes much of its historical inspiration from the Napoleonic wars. As well as staging a colourful skill-at-arms cavalry display in full regalia, the Battle Proms is also the only place in the world you can see Beethoven's Battle Symphony performed as he intended. Written to celebrate a key victory during the Peninsula War, the Battle Symphony was composed to include 193 live firing cannons, not something

Closing date: Thursday, July 20

you can find in your average concert hall! But the Battle Proms Team brings over 200 cannons to each of their concerts for use in Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture and the Battle Symphony. It is this authentic, groundshaking and breathtaking percussion that makes the Battle Proms signature piece a truly remarkable experience and one that keeps audience members returning to their concerts year after year.

And if this wasn't drama enough, the Battle Proms have worked closely with the Grace Spitfire team over the years to create one of the most care-

fully choreographed Spitfire displays you are likely to catch this summer. So much more than just a fly past, this display has the iconic plane dancing through the sky to the opening pieces of the orchestral performance by the 60 piece New English Concert Orchestra.

Win tickets!

We have 6 pairs of tickets for this great occasion and to be in with a chance of winning one all you have to do is answer the following simple question:

Q: When was Beethoven's Battle Symphony composed?

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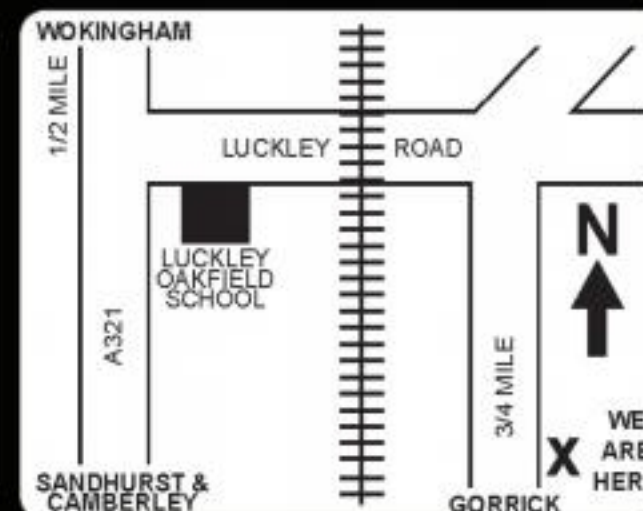


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By Tony Yates

MG has a long history when it comes to making motor cars and I can recall many models that made MG as a brand stand out above all others – for instance the MG Midget, the MGA and the MGB GT V8 are just a few of the iconic models that I can remember from my youth.

When this much-loved brand was re-launched back in 2011 the response was positive and for me this was great news; because I was happy that once again I would start seeing a new generation of MG motor cars hit our streets.

So in light of this – I thought it was about time I gave the MG3 supermini a full work out.

Power and Efficiency:

The MG3 is powered by a 1.5 DOHC VTi-TECH engine that produces 106PS @6000rpm and has a top speed of 108mph. Fuel consumption is around 48mpg (combined) and a 0-60 time of around 10 seconds. The engine feels very willing – and for an engine that

is normally aspirated I think it does that rather well. Ok – it's never going to set any records, but why should it?

The MG3 was built to meet a need for a car that was not only well equipped, but also priced without breaking the bank or jacking up insurance premiums.

On the road:

The MG3 feels fine – nothing to complain about really. It's fun to drive and the chassis is doing a great job of keeping you pressed into the Tarmac with plenty of grip, but I found that road noise can be high on some surfaces and I think a little extra sound proofing here and there would have been a welcome introduction.

Design and Interior:

The interior is not as good as some, but for a budget motor I can forgive it for its basic approach, although the seating was comfortable and the space inside is more than adequate.

The dials and switches are set out

well and the interior stands out better than some of its budget rivals like the Dacia Sandero. Also, let's not forget about the wide range of personalisation options you can choose from.

Technology:

The MG 3FORM Sport model is fitted with a CD player with six speakers and USB input along with a host of extras like; LED daytime running lights, DAB radio, multi-function trip computer, stability control system (SCS) including ABS, EBD, EBA, CBC and engine stop-start function.

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'Positive' test days for Collard and BMW ahead of BTCC resumption

NORTH Hampshire racer Rob Collard and his West Surrey racing team enjoyed a successful two days of British Touring Car Championship testing last Wednesday and Thursday.

Collard, along with BMW team-mates Colin Turkington and Andrew Jordan, were all in action at the Norfolk circuit.

In what was officially billed as a Dunlop tyre test, there was a focus on car developments rather than just outright lap times.

On day one of the test, Turkington was 14th fastest as the two-time series champion only

took part in the morning session.

Collard took over for the afternoon and was 23rd.

Jordan completed a full day and finished 18th.

The following day, thunderstorms in the afternoon limited running largely to the morning.

Turkington was fifth while Collard was 22nd.

Between them, the three drivers completed more than 450 miles over the two days.

West Surrey Racing team principal Dick Bennetts said:

"It's been a very useful test for us as the time on track has enabled us to try a few new things,

with positive results.

"The work on the first day majored on the chassis while on day two we focused on aero testing and we're pleased with what we've come away with.

"We weren't looking for lap-times during this test."

Team BMW currently lead the teams' championship with half the season complete.

In the drivers' title race, Collard is second, Turkington behind him in third and Jordan in seventh.

Snetterton will host the next event in the calendar on July 29 and 30.



Rob Collard. Picture courtesy of btcc.net

Sport Bites

First cup fixtures

FOOTBALL: Local sides have found out how they will start out on the road to Wembley as the draws for the early stages of the FA Cup, Vase and Trophy have been made.

On August 5, Whitchurch United will play Laverstock and Ford at home in the FA Cup preliminary round.

The winners will have a home tie in the next round against either Knaphill or Bourne-mouth.

In the FA Trophy preliminary round, Hartley Wintney are set to face Slimbridge away on October 7.

Three weeks later on October 28, Swindon Supermarine or Barnstaple Town await the winners in the first qualifying round.

Tadley Calvea play Andover New Street in the FA Vase first qualifying round on September 9, with AFC Portchester awaiting the winners in the second round on September 23.

Also in the second round are Whitchurch United, who will travel to the winners of Windsor versus Devizes.

Into the league

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Under-21s draw

FOOTBALL: Basingstoke Town U21s and Team Solent shared the spoils in a 3-3 thriller on the south coast on Friday night.

Sam Sharp scored a penalty and headed home from close range either side of half-time.

The third was added by Ross McKernan.

However Team Solent hit back after each goal to salvage a draw.

Fantastic five for Town in first pre-season win

By Matthew Brown

IT was a fantastic-five start for Basingstoke Town as they got their pre-season campaign underway with a convincing 5-1 victory away at Alton FC.

Alton were completely blown away by the Dragons, who scored all of their goals in the first half.

Terry Brown named a different line-up for each half and the first half team got off to an absolute flyer with Ashleigh Artwell opening the scoring after nine minutes.

The winger, who had such a great previous season, combined well with returning striker Ben Wright, who with a neat touch put Artwell through on goal.

Artwell finished well with his left foot despite Alton 'keeper Matt Petts getting a strong touch to the shot.

Wright got in on the act when he and Artwell switched roles a couple of minutes later.

Artwell supplied a ball to Wright who poked home, doubling the Dragon's lead.

With the gap between the

divisions obvious, Basingstoke moved the ball around comfortably and Alton struggled to cope as they were stretched across the pitch.

The hosts struggled to create clear chances, although Liam Beech in the Basingstoke goal had to make a smart save to deny Callum Burch, who had found space on the edge of the box.

Town continued to cause havoc though, especially through Artwell with the live-wire winger grabbing his second.

He was allowed to drift inside from the right wing and

was granted space by the Alton defence to finish across Petts with his left foot, making it 3-0.

Sam Smart then got in on the goalmouth action as he scored twice inside a couple of minutes.

First, he met the ball at the near-post and touched it deftly across Petts into the bottom corner, and then three minutes later, scoring from close range after good work from Wright.

In the second half, Basingstoke introduced a team solely made up of academy players and trialists.

Their inexperience gave Alton the initiative and they got a goal back through Regan Hitch 10 minutes into the half.

The midfielder stepped up and scored a wonderful free kick, bending it inside the near post with the trialist 'keeper in the Basingstoke net having no chance.

The Dragons meanwhile had chance of their own but couldn't convert - Jordan Goater put the ball across goal that evaded everyone and Kieron Rodgers was just off target with two shots.

New floorball sessions come to Basingstoke

BRITAIN'S newest Olympic-recognised sport now has a club in Basingstoke.

The Basingstoke Phoenix floorball squad have launched, run by the Rixon family, who live locally.

They used to travel over to Farnham to play the sport and following that club's success

after winning both National Cup trophies in June, it was decided that a new club should be launched in Basingstoke.

Best described as ice hockey without the muggings and the ice, it is played in a sport hall with five outfield players and a goalie and a lightweight ball to speed the game up.

Across the UK, there are now 58 registered teams and more are starting up all the time.

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Inside: Big win over Alton for Basingstoke Town | New floorball team set up | First FA Cup, Vase and Trophy fixtures announced

Island trip is no paradise for the beaten Bountymen

By Matthew Brown

A LONG trip home from the Isle of Wight was made even longer for Basingstoke and North Hants Cricket Club (BNHCC) as they went down by three wickets to Ventnor.

The loss saw the Bountymen lose ground on Southern League Division One leaders Calmore Sports.

On their first visit to the Islanders, BNHCC were put into bat by Ventnor and openers Dan Belcher and Max Harsham made a steady start.

Harsham was dismissed for 16, caught by James Cheek off the bowling of George Willis, before captain Mitch Stokes went for a duck, again caught by Cheek off the bowling of Adam Wilson.

This left Basingstoke on 38-2 and it was 59-3 when Chris Froud (11) was caught by Toby Corbin from Rob Snell's bowling. Snell struck again, trapping Belcher (38) LBW, leaving BNHCC 74-4.

A superb partnership of 95 between Bradley Neal (43) and David Griffiths (52) got the visitors to 169-5 but Basingstoke collapsed to 187 all out from 43.3 overs.

Pick of the Ventnor bowlers were Adam Wilson (4-29) and Scaughn Van Greunen (3-33). In reply, Ventnor got off to a flyer with openers James Cheek and Ben Duggan putting on a first wicket partnership of 81.

This was eventually broken when Ben Duggan was caught by Joe Oates off the bowling of Martyn James for 40.

Cheek eventually fell for 68 when he was caught by Max Harsham off the bowling of Matthew Thankachan.

The Basingstoke bowlers kept taking wickets at fairly regular intervals with Jamie Miller (6) the next to go, LBW to Thankachan, leaving Ventnor on 134-3.

It was 135-4 shortly after when Neil Westhorpe was LBW, this time off Ryan Connor's bowling.

Thankachan continued to probe the Ventnor batsmen and claimed his third wicket of the day when Toby Corbin (6) was trapped LBW. Ventnor were now 152-5 and it was 169-7 when they lost two wickets in quick succession.

However it was not meant to be for BNHCC as a superb 50 not out from Van Greunen, adding to his good bowling figures, and Rob Snell (6 not out) guided Ventnor to their victory in 41.3 overs.

Next week, Basingstoke will travel to league leaders Calmore Sports, in what is a must-win for the Bountymen.

Elsewhere, fellow division one side Hook and Newnham Basics lost by six wickets to the league leaders, and slip to fifth in the standings.

But in Division 2, Hartley Wintney enjoyed a dominant 199-run victory against Sparsholt to go third in the table.



Collard test driving

Rob Collard in action. Picture courtesy of btcc.net

HOOK racing driver Rob Collard has been busy testing ahead of the resumption of the British Touring Car Championship this month.

The series is currently on its summer break, but Collard – currently sitting second in the standings – has been busy preparing

for the next race at Snetterton by joining in with a test session there last week.

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